Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 16, 2011, there were 518,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2011, an increase of 1,900 from March 2011 but 1,700 less than the number employed in April 2010.

Agricultural employment was 39,500 persons in April 2011, up 100 from the March 2011 level but 2,100 less than the April 2010 agricultural employment level of 41,600. Non-agricultural employment was 479,200 persons in April 2011. This is an increase of 1,800 from the March 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 477,400 and 400 more than April 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2011 was 5.6 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2011 rate of 5.7 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the April 2010 level of 5.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,500 to 549,400 persons in April 2011 up from 547,900 persons in March 2011. This is 3,500 less than the April 2010 labour force of 552,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 68.9 percent in April 2011 from 68.7 percent in March 2011. The April 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.1 percent.

There were 30,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2011. This is a decrease of 400 from March 2011 and is 1,800 less than the number unemployed in April 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 524,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2011, down 100 from the March 2011 level of 524,400 and is down 1,600 from the April 2010 employment level of 525,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2011 was 5.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the March 2011 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the April 2010 rate of 5.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 154,600 persons in April 2011 to 17,088,800 persons from 16,934,200 persons in March 2011. In April 2010, there were 16,806,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points to 7.9 percent from the March 2011 level of 8.2 percent. In April 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.6 percent in April 2011. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than March 2011 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the April 2010 level of 8.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,557.8	18,453.3	18,354.5	104.5	203.3
Employed ('000)	17,088.8	16,934.2	16,806.8	154.6	282.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,662.0	13,524.9	13,408.6	137.1	253.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,426.8	3,409.3	3,398.2	17.5	28.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,469.0	1,519.1	1,547.7	-50.1	-78.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	8.2	8.4	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.7	8.1	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.2	66.6	0.3	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	549.4	547.9	552.9	1.5	-3.5
Employed ('000)	518.7	516.8	520.4	1.9	-1.7
Full-Time ('000)	418.3	416.5	421.8	1.8	-3.5
Part-Time ('000)	100.4	100.4	98.7	0.0	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	30.7	31.1	32.5	-0.4	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.2	5.2	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.7	70.1	0.2	-1.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,168.5	2,169.2	2,145.3	-0.7	23.2
Employed ('000)	2,036.2	2,044.9	1,979.6	-8.7	56.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,674.1	1,663.8	1,615.8	10.3	58.3
Part-Time ('000)	362.1	381.1	363.8	-19.0	-1.7
Unemployed ('000)	132.3	124.4	165.7	7.9	-33.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.7	7.7	0.4	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.7	7.6	0.2	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.5	72.7	-0.1	-0.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	654.7	653.9	648.6	0.8	6.1
Employed ('000)	619.2	616.7	614.7	2.5	4.5
Full-Time ('000)	495.7	489.2	487.1	6.5	8.6
Part-Time ('000)	123.5	127.6	127.6	-4.1	-4.1
Unemployed ('000)	35.4	37.2	33.9	-1.8	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.7	5.2	-0.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.5	5.0	-0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.8	69.1	0.1	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	549.4	547.9	552.9	1.5	-3.5
Male	295.1	293.5	296.4	1.6	-1.3
Female	254.3	254.4	256.5	-0.1	-2.2
15-24 Years of Age	88.5	87.9	92.9	0.6	-4.4
25+ Years of age	460.9	460.0	459.9	0.9	1.0
EMPLOYED ('000)	518.7	516.8	520.4	1.9	-1.7
Male	276.7	274.9	276.5	1.8	0.2
Female	242.0	241.9	243.9	0.1	-1.9
15-24 Years of Age	76.8	77.0	82.9	-0.2	-6.1
25+ Years of age	441.9	439.8	437.5	2.1	4.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	30.7	31.1	32.5	-0.4	-1.8
Male	18.4	18.6	19.9	-0.2	-1.5
Female	12.3	12.5	12.6	-0.2	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	10.9	10.1	0.8	1.6
25+ Years of age	19.1	20.2	22.4	-1.1	-3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Male	6.2	6.3	6.7	-0.1	-0.5
Female	4.8	4.9	4.9	-0.1	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	13.2	12.4	10.9	0.8	2.3
25+ Years of age	4.1	4.4	4.9	-0.3	-0.8
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.9	68.7	70.1	0.2	-1.2
Male	74.7	74.3	76.0	0.4	-1.3
Female	63.2	63.2	64.4	0.0	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	64.6	64.0	67.2	0.6	-2.6
25+ Years of age	69.8	69.7	70.7	0.1	-0.9

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.5	39.4	41.6	0.1	-2.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.9	23.6	24.2	-0.7	-1.3
Utilities	5.4	6.2	4.8	-0.8	0.6
Construction	35.6	36.9	36.7	-1.3	-1.1
Manufacturing	28.7	28.7	31.5	0.0	-2.8
Trade	82.2	79.4	77.9	2.8	4.3
Transportation and Warehousing	25.7	25.6	25.8	0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.0	31.5	30.7	-0.5	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.7	22.8	26.0	1.9	-1.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.2	10.8	12.3	0.4	-1.1
Educational Services	41.7	41.8	41.3	-0.1	0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	66.2	64.7	67.2	1.5	-1.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.6	18.7	18.0	-1.1	-0.4
Accommodation and Food Services	29.9	31.5	32.2	-1.6	-2.3
Other Services	25.1	25.3	21.9	-0.2	3.2
Public Administration	31.3	29.8	28.1	1.5	3.2
Total	518.7	516.8	520.4	1.9	-1.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	418.3	416.5	421.8	1.8	-3.5
Part-Time	100.4	100.4	98.7	0.0	1.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	422.2	420.3	419.6	1.9	2.6
Public Sector	137.1	134.4	132.1	2.7	5.0
Private Sector	285.0	285.9	287.5	-0.9	-2.5
Self-Employed	96.5	96.5	100.8	0.0	-4.3

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,088.8	16,934.2	16,806.8	154.6	282.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.9	216.8	206.5	4.1	14.4
Prince Edward Island	67.7	67.5	68.0	0.2	-0.3
Nova Scotia	439.5	439.2	446.9	0.3	-7.4
New Brunswick	341.6	340.7	348.8	0.9	-7.2
Quebec	3,899.0	3,862.4	3,855.2	36.6	43.8
Ontario	6,691.0	6,590.2	6,529.4	100.8	161.6
Manitoba	619.2	616.7	614.7	2.5	4.5
Saskatchewan	518.7	516.8	520.4	1.9	-1.7
Alberta	2,036.2	2,044.9	1,979.6	-8.7	56.6
British Columbia	2,255.0	2,239.0	2,237.3	16.0	17.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.9	8.2	8.4	-0.3	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.3	14.0	18.0	-0.7	-4.7
Prince Edward Island	14.6	13.4	12.5	1.2	2.1
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.1	9.4	-0.2	0.5
New Brunswick	11.5	10.9	9.9	0.6	1.6
Quebec	8.6	8.7	8.7	-0.1	-0.1
Ontario	7.9	8.6	8.8	-0.7	-0.9
Manitoba	5.4	5.7	5.2	-0.3	0.2
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Alberta	6.1	5.7	7.7	0.4	-1.6
British Columbia	7.9	8.2	7.5	-0.3	0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,286.4	17,228.1	17,003.3	58.3	283.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.7	228.6	216.7	3.1	15.0
Prince Edward Island	71.5	71.6	72.1	-0.1	-0.6
Nova Scotia	447.6	453.1	453.0	-5.5	-5.4
New Brunswick	352.8	354.0	359.4	-1.2	-6.6
Quebec	3,956.0	3,950.1	3,910.3	5.9	45.7
Ontario	6,745.6	6,690.8	6,588.6	54.8	157.0
Manitoba	624.0	627.3	618.5	-3.3	5.5
Saskatchewan	524.3	524.4	525.9	-0.1	-1.6
Alberta	2,060.1	2,064.3	2,001.5	-4.2	58.6
British Columbia	2,272.9	2,264.0	2,257.2	8.9	15.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	7.7	8.1	-0.1	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.1	12.4	15.0	-1.3	-3.9
Prince Edward Island	11.2	11.2	9.2	0.0	2.0
Nova Scotia	9.2	9.0	8.6	0.2	0.6
New Brunswick	10.0	9.6	8.5	0.4	1.5
Quebec	7.8	7.7	7.9	0.1	-0.1
Ontario	7.9	8.1	8.7	-0.2	-0.8
Manitoba	5.2	5.5	5.0	-0.3	0.2
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.2	5.2	-0.2	-0.2
Alberta	5.9	5.7	7.6	0.2	-1.7
British Columbia	7.9	8.1	7.4	-0.2	0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.9	6.5	8.4	-0.6	-2.5
Halifax	6.6	6.7	6.0	-0.1	0.6
Saint John	7.1	7.0	7.6	0.1	-0.5
Quebec	7.4	7.1	5.3	0.3	2.1
Montreal	8.6	8.5	9.5	0.1	-0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	6.3	6.0	0.0	0.3
Greater Sudbury	8.2	7.9	10.0	0.3	-1.8
Toronto	8.2	8.2	9.2	0.0	-1.0
Winnipeg	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Regina	5.9	5.8	4.8	0.1	1.1
Saskatoon	6.5	6.0	5.4	0.5	1.1
Calgary	5.9	6.1	7.6	-0.2	-1.7
Edmonton	6.0	5.9	7.9	0.1	-1.9
Vancouver	8.4	8.3	7.6	0.1	0.8
Victoria	6.0	6.4	6.3	-0.4	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	159.1	157.8	156.4	1.3	2.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.7	50.7	50.9	0.0	-0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.0	171.8	176.0	-0.8	-5.0
Yorkton-Melville	38.9	38.6	40.2	0.3	-1.3
Prince Albert & Northern	97.4	97.7	94.7	-0.3	2.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2011	March 2011	April 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	548.8	548.2	546.4	0.6	2.4
Employed ('000)	516.8	516.2	515.7	0.6	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	32.0	30.7	-0.1	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.8	5.6	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.4	0.0	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	64.8	65.5	0.0	-0.7
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	504.2	504.8	503.9	-0.6	0.3
Employed ('000)	480.8	481.9	479.1	-1.1	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	23.4	22.9	24.7	0.5	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	4.9	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.4	70.0	-0.1	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.3	66.6	-0.2	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	44.6	43.5	42.5	1.1	2.1
Employed ('000)	36.0	34.3	36.6	1.7	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	8.5	9.2	5.9	-0.7	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	21.1	14.0	-1.9	5.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.3	62.8	62.5	1.5	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	52.0	49.5	53.8	2.5	-1.8
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.4	17.2	16.7	0.2	0.7
Employed ('000)	12.9	12.4	13.3	0.5	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.8	3.5	-0.3	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	26.0	27.8	20.7	-1.8	5.3
Participation Rate (%)	57.5	56.7	56.2	0.8	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	42.6	40.9	44.6	1.7	-2.0
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Labour Force ('000)	27.0	26.2	25.4	0.8	1.6
Employed ('000)	23.0	21.8	22.9	1.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.4	2.5	-0.4	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	16.8	9.8	-2.0	5.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	67.4	67.2	2.1	2.3
Employment Rate (%)	59.2	56.1	60.6	3.1	-1.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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